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Participants Background (N=1070)		
	No. of Participant	%
Age	1044	Mean
Missing data	26	= 46.80
Sex		
Female	733	68.5
Male	334	31.2
Other	1	.1
Missing data	2	.2
Religions		
Without religion	516	48.2
Protestantism/Catholicism	334	31.2
Buddhism	180	16.8
Taoism	10	.9
Islam	1	.1
Other	9	.2
Missing data	20	1.9
Intimacy with family	1032	Mean
Missing data	38	= 4.15
Registrants' Reasons for Joining Body Donation		
	No. of Participant Agreed	%
1. Utilization of own dead body	1030	98.8
2. Provision of opportunity to doctors to practice medical techniques	1021	98.0
3. Provision of opportunity to medical students to understand real human body	1023	97.9
4. Beneficial to development and improvement of medical technique	1010	97.2
5. Beneficial to offspring (e.g. have better medical skills)	1004	96.8
6. Helping others	982	96.2
7. Supporting eco-friendly after death arrangement (e.g. scattering cremated ash into memorial garden)	960	92.6
8. Contribution to society	953	92.3
9. Insufficient supply of dead body for medical uses in Hong Kong	889	86.6

Table (cont'):

Communication of Registrant with Family about Decision to Be Body Donor		
	No. of Participant Answered	%
With communication	857	80.1
Before registration	248	28.9
After registration	282	32.9
Both before and after registration	328	38.2
Without communication	167	16.0
No family	21	2.0
Reasons for Not Communicating with Family		
	No. of Participant Agreed	%
1. Family' s opinion would not affect own decision	169	96.0
2. The decision should be made by registrant singly	159	89.3
3. Belief that the family will support the decision	148	84.1
4. It is not necessary to communicate with family	86	49.4
5. Belief that family will not support own decision and try to avoid conflicts	48	27.7
Impacts of Family Communication on Registrant		
	Mean Scores	
	With communication	Without communication
Meaning in life questionnaire - Presence	26.49	24.08
Overall score of life quality	7.61	6.56
Level of anxiety towards death	2.03	2.17
Level of anxiety towards pain before death	2.70	2.90